

Celebrating sport The philatelic countdown to



The artists responsible,
top row, left to right:

- a) Paralympic Games: Rowing by Marian Hill
- b) Shooting by David Hillman
- c) Modern Pentathlon by Katherine Baxter
- d) Taekwondo by James Fryer
- e) Cycling by Matthew Dennis
- Bottom row, left to right:
- f) Paralympic Games: Table Tennis by Michael Craig-Martin
- g) Hockey by Darren Hopes
- h) Football by Alex Williamson
- i) Paralympic Games: Goalball by Tobatron
- j) Boxing by Stephen Ledwidge

TEN NEW OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC stamps are released on Tuesday 27 July this year, the second set in a series of three, comprising 30 stamps in total, in celebration of London's hosting of the 30th Olympiad and 2012 Paralympic Games. The 30 designs allow one stamp to represent each of the Olympic and Paralympic sports. The first set came out in October 2009 and the final ten will be issued in 2011.

Created by a range of contemporary artists (see caption, left) this 2010 set depicts Paralympic Rowing, Paralympic Table Tennis and Paralympic Goalball; Shooting, Modern Pentathlon, Taekwondo, Cycling, Hockey, Football and Boxing. Each stamp also bears the London 2012 Olympic Games or Paralympic Games logo.

The stamps are printed in litho in two sheets, bearing se-tenant strips of five stamps; each individual design is thus available in vertical strips of five. Associated stamp products include the Royal Mail fully illustrated presentation pack containing the full set of ten mint stamps, with text provided by Ian Cole, a former Sports News Editor of the *Daily Mail*.

Also available in July are a commemorative sheet, ten postcards, and a commemorative coin and stamp cover.

FIRST DAY FACILITIES Orders for serviced first day covers must reach the Royal Mail (at the address given below) by 22 October 2010. Customers may also send stamped envelopes on the day of issue to Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB, to receive the Tallents House, Edinburgh postmark. As an alternative pictorial and non-pictorial Badminton Glos postmarks will be available for the issue. Sponsored special handstamps will be announced in the *British Postmark Bulletin* •

London 2012 continues with more handsome commemoratives



London 2012 stamp prices

Set of stamps	£4.10
Presentation pack	£4.60
First day cover envelope	£0.30
Serviced first day cover stamps, UK customers	£5.29
Serviced first day cover stamps, overseas customers	£4.51
Stamp cards sets	£4.00
Commemorative sheet	£13.50
Coin and stamp cover	£17.50
Stamp book	£2.46



Below: the boldly illustrated commemorative presentation pack contains the full set of ten mint stamps and information about each of the sports featured

Above right: stamp book No 3 includes Paralympic Rowing and Paralympic Table Tennis stamps

